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IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1648
KING ET AL. Examiner: Li, Bao Q.
APPLICATION NO: 10/734,801
FILED: December 12, 2003
FOR: IN VITRO SYSTEM FOR REPLICATION OF RNA-DEPENDENT
RNA POLYMERASE (RDRP) VIRUSES

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed October 19, 2005, having a period for response that expires on January 19, 2006. The instant response is, therefore, timely filed.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 7.

Remarks begin on page 9.